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Kinesthetic signaling device for alerting the driver of a vehicle that speed has become excessive when cruise control is engaged and vehicle spacing is not suitable

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NOVELTY - The main component of the signaling device is the cruise control unit (14) which receives data regarding the spacing (d) and relative speed (Vr) of the vehicle in front. The control unit can then ascertain whether an activation of the brake is necessary to avoid a collision, and alerts the driver accordingly by modulating the target braking value. This causes a fluctuating retardation that is felt by the driver. The control unit is itself monitored by a function monitoring unit (15) and any faulty function triggers the fluctuating retardation.

USE - Creates a fluctuating retardation that alerts driver to take corrective action

ADVANTAGE - Provides a reliable indication that vehicle operation is exceeding regulated settings

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - Block diagram of control system

Cruise control (14)

Monitoring unit (15)

Vehicle spacing (d)

Relative speed (Vr)

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